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SUBJECT: TURKMENISTAN: AGRICULTURE TRAINING FACILITY AT STANDSTILL

REF: A. ASHGABAT 268

[1](#)B. ASHGABAT 769

Classified By: Charge Richard Miles, reasons 1.4 (B) and (D).

[1](#)1. (C) The General Manager of the official distributor of John Deere and Case New Holland equipment in Turkmenistan, IPC Agri, said in a conversation on June 25 that he and a Case New Holland official discussed shipment of donated equipment with the Ministry of Agriculture three weeks ago. Case New Holland wants to donate machinery, spare parts, tools, and literature meant for educational use at the planned Agriculture Training Institute located in Dashoguz (ref A). According to the General Manager, Jason Hunt, Ministry officials explained that the Ministry is not ready to accept shipment of the material because construction on the planned Agriculture Training Institute located in Dashoguz has not even commenced. Hunt believes that the project is at a standstill because "no one (in the Ministry) has been told what to do," adding that the government has not yet appointed a rector to head the new Institute. Deputy Chairman for Agriculture and Water Management, Myratgeldi Akmmamedov, told Hunt at a meeting that it would be a good project and that Case New Holland could ship the materials in August or September, perhaps.

[1](#)2. (SBU) COMMENT: This is what happens when projects are not designated as a priority. Other projects, like the Avaza tourist zone (ref B) for example, take attention away from smaller, less glamorous projects, until someone decides that a smaller project is really needed, and then mountains get moved. END COMMENT.

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